

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – 0730 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity:**

Initial attack activity:	Light (68 fires)
New large incidents:	1
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: ***	6
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Nationally, there is 1 fire being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

\*\*\*Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

[Link](#) to Understanding the IMSR.

**This report will be posted Monday – Friday at 0730 Mountain time unless significant activity occurs.**

IMT 2 (NW Team 6) has been assigned in support of Oregon state COVID-19 response operations.

<b>Active Incident Resource Summary</b>							
<b>GACC</b>	<b>Incidents</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>Change in Personnel</b>
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	1	1,641	0	3	0	7	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	1	1,192	0	6	0	21	0
SWCC	5	18,423	17	29	5	585	132
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	4	5,782	1	25	0	175	32
SACC	11	1,014	1	16	3	120	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28,052</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>-38</b>

**Southwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 5  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2

\* **Three Rivers**, Lincoln NF, USFS. IMT 1 (SW Team 2) mobilizing. Twelve miles northwest of Ruidoso, NM. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs. Structures and communication infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Flag**, Colorado River District, BLM. IMT 1 (SW Team 1). Twelve miles southeast of Kingman, AZ. Chaparral and timber. Moderate fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and backing. Numerous residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Jack**, Coronado NF, USFS. Ten miles southwest of Portal, AZ. Grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**Bonito Rock**, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. Fifteen miles southeast of Whiteriver, AZ. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and isolated torching. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Three Rivers	NM-LNF	10,000	---	0	Ctn	7/4	96	---	2	6	1	0	80K	FS
Flag	AZ-CRD	1,400	0	0	Ctn	5/1	170	95	6	13	0	0	500K	BLM
Jack	AZ-CNF	1,856	0	70	Ctn	4/28	70	-40	2	2	1	0	1M	FS
Bonito Rock	AZ-FTA	1,800	0	20	Ctn	5/21	211	17	6	6	3	0	1.1M	BIA
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
South Rim 4	TX-BBP	1,341	---	90	Comp	UNK	38	---	1	2	0	0	1.1M	NPS

BBP – Big Bend National Park, NPS

**Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 19  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Brittle**, Huron-Manistee NF, USFS. IMT 2 (EA Gold Team). Five miles northeast of Hale, MI. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. Energy infrastructure threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Brittle	MI-HMF	5,781	181	45	Ctn	4/30	121	-22	1	14	0	0	425K	FS

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 31  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Mill Creek**, Cherokee NF, USFS. Ten miles east of Newport, TN. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Structures threatened. Trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Mill Creek	TN-CNF	263	0	25	Ctn	5/7	77	16	1	4	3	0	290K	FS
Long Branch	TN-CNF	700	0	100	Ctn	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	13K	FS

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	9	0	<b>9</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	<b>2</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	<b>3</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	1	2	<b>5</b>
	ACRES	8	0	0	0	12	4	<b>24</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	6	0	0	0	13	0	<b>19</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	167	0	<b>167</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	31	0	<b>31</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	256	27	<b>283</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>481</b>

**Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	4	0	7
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Northwest Area	FIRES	35	12	1	0	293	15	356
	ACRES	194	107	0	0	2,282	699	3,283
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	596	61	659
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	1,616	179	1,797
Southern California Area	FIRES	5	30	1	3	834	90	963
	ACRES	5	219	1	6	1,373	1,295	2,899
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	420	7	1	0	274	66	768
	ACRES	19,964	51	22	0	9,995	13,749	43,781
Great Basin Area	FIRES	10	80	1	4	137	15	247
	ACRES	2,301	7,101	0	4	5,192	101	14,698
Southwest Area	FIRES	159	45	4	5	153	113	479
	ACRES	8,173	773	0	1,346	6,042	3,826	20,159
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	46	10	2	3	105	17	183
	ACRES	2,121	35	1,244	305	68,375	2,723	74,803
Eastern Area	FIRES	236	0	12	8	3,625	232	4,113
	ACRES	6,451	0	13,200	532	18,490	14,445	53,118
Southern Area	FIRES	367	0	42	21	8,513	280	9,223
	ACRES	28,677	0	8,879	6,297	162,521	20,735	227,109
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1,280</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>14,534</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>16,998</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>67,888</b>	<b>8,286</b>	<b>23,346</b>	<b>8,490</b>	<b>275,886</b>	<b>57,752</b>	<b>441,648</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2011 – 2020 as of today)</b>	<b>15,508</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2011 – 2020 as of today)</b>	<b>912,821</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.

\*\*\*Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <https://gacc.nifc.gov/>

**Predictive Services Discussion:** An upper-level trough will continue moving over the Intermountain West with critical fire weather conditions developing across the southern High Plains between a dry line and approaching cold front. Precipitation will continue to shift east across the Intermountain West with coverage across the Southwest west of the Continental Divide, Utah, Colorado, and Wyoming. Heavy snow is possible in the Front Range with severe weather likely along and head of the dry line across the southern Plains with severe weather potential stretching northward into the central Plains and portions of the Upper Midwest. Dry conditions will continue across portions of the Northeast.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



## COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

*Weather / Fire Behavior Category*

Use the [Incident Response Pocket Guide \(IRPG\), PMS 461](#), to review and discuss the five major common denominators of fire behavior on fatal and near-fatal fires. These common denominators have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize them to prevent future tragedies.

Such fires often occur:

1. On relatively small fires or deceptively quiet areas of large fires.
2. In relatively light fuels, such as grass, herbs, and light brush.
3. When there is an unexpected shift in wind direction or in wind speed.
4. When fire responds to topographic conditions and runs uphill.
5. Critical burn period between 1400 and 1700.

Alignment of topography and wind during the critical burning period should be considered a trigger point to reevaluate tactics.

Blowup to burnover conditions generally occur in less than 60 minutes and can be as little as 5 minutes.

A tactical pause may be prudent around 1400 for reevaluating your situational awareness of topography, fuels, and weather.

It can be used as an opportunity to remember that this is the beginning of a dangerous part of the day for fighting fires and increased caution is in order.

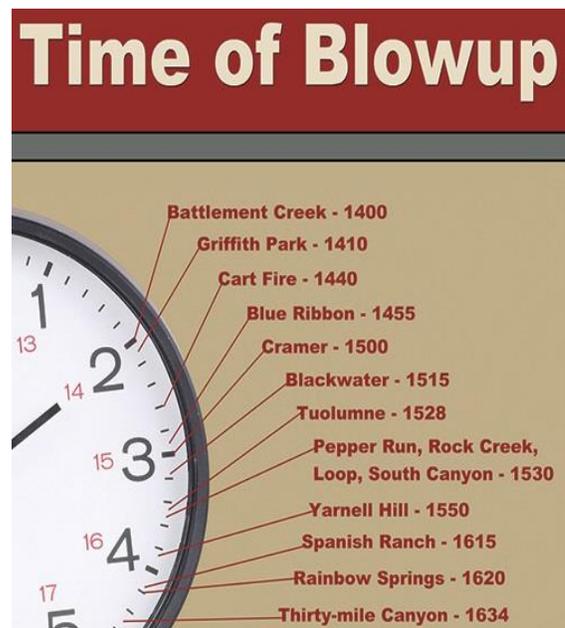
### References:

[Standard Firefighting Orders, PMS 110](#)

[Watch Out Situations, PMS 118](#)

[and 18 Poster, PMS 110-18](#)

[Incident Response Pocket Guide \(IRPG\), PMS 461](#), Common Denominators of Fire Behavior on Tragedy Fires, Operational Engagement (green)



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